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In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A composition comprising:
- (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
 - (b) at least one nonionic surfactant;
 - (c) a chelating agent selected from the group: sodium, potassium, lithium, ammonium and substituted ammonium salts of ethylenediaminetriacetic acid, ethylenediaminetetrapropionic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, N-hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid, oxydisuccinic acid, iminodisuccinic acid, ethylenediamine disuccinic acid, triethylenetetraaminehexaacetic acid, ethanoldiglycines, propylenediaminetetraacetic acid, methylglycinediacetic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,5-diaminopentanoic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid and 2-hydroxy-3-aminopropionic-N,N-diacetic acid, or derivatives thereof;
~~group alkali metal, ammonium and substituted ammonium polyacetates, carboxylates, polycarboxylates and polyhydroxysulfonates;~~
optionally (c1) a precipitating builder selected from the group potassium carbonate and potassium oxalate;
 - ~~optionally~~ (d) an effective amount of a propellant;
 - (e) water; and
 - (f) optionally one or more further optional components selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, hydrotropes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and corrosion inhibitors.
- 2.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is an alcohol ethoxylate.

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3.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is a mixture of alcohol ethoxylate and amine oxide.

4.(canceled)

5.(currently amended) The composition ~~The compositions~~ according to claim 1 wherein (c) chelating agent is selected from disodium ethanoldiglycinate and tetrasodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

6.(canceled)

7.(currently amended) A composition comprising:

- (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
- (b) a nonionic surfactant mixture comprising alcohol ethoxylate and amine oxide;
- (c) a chelating agent selected from the group: sodium, potassium, lithium, ammonium and substituted ammonium salts of, ethylenediaminetriacetic acid, ethylenediaminetetrapropionic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, N-hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid, oxydisuccinic acid, iminodisuccinic acid, ethylenediamine disuccinic acid, triethylenetetraaminehexaacetic acid, ethanoldiglycines, propylenediaminetetraacetic acid, methylglycinediacetic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, N,N,N',N' tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,5-diaminopentanoic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid and 2-hydroxy-3-aminopropionic-N,N-diacetic acid, or a derivative thereof;
~~group alkali metal, ammonium and substituted ammonium polyacetates, carboxylates, polycarboxylates and polyhydroxysulfonates;~~
- optionally (c1) a precipitating builder selected from the group potassium carbonate and potassium oxalate;
- ~~optionally~~ (d) an effective amount of propellant;
- (e) water; and

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(f) one or more optional components selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, hydrotropes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and corrosion inhibitors.

8.(canceled)

9.(currently amended) The composition ~~The compositions~~ according to claim 7 8 wherein (c) chelating agent is selected from disodium ethanoldiglycinate and tetrasodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

10.(canceled)

11. (canceled)

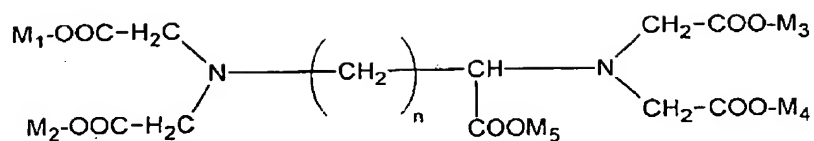
12.(previously presented) A process for the removal of stains from hard surfaces which comprises the step of applying an effective amount of the composition according to claim 1 to a hard surface needing such treatment.

13.(new) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the chelating agent is ethylene diamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid.

14.(new) A composition according to claim 7 wherein the chelating agent is ethylene diamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid.

15.(new) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:

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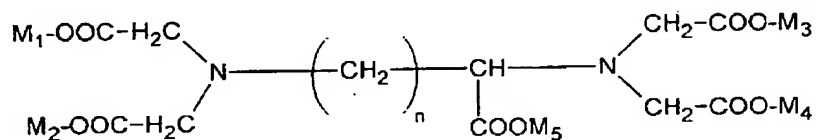


wherein:

n represents a number from 1 to 6,

each of M^1 , M^2 , M^3 , M^4 and M^5 independently represent: a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, or an ammonium group an ammonium group substituted by 1 to 4 organic groups.

- 16.(new) A composition according to claim 15 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

n represents a number from 2 to 4,

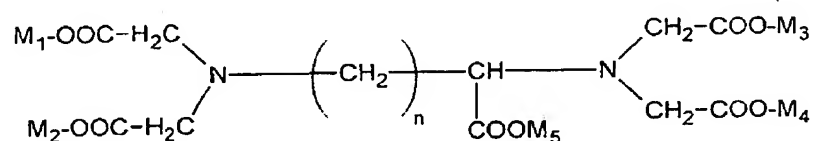
each of M^1 , M^2 , M^3 , M^4 and M^5 independently represent a hydrogen atom or a sodium atom.

- 17.(new) The composition according to claim 15 wherein the chelating agent is selected from: pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N' -tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, the pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N' tetra (carboxymethyl) -2, 5-diaminopentanoic acid, and the

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pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid.

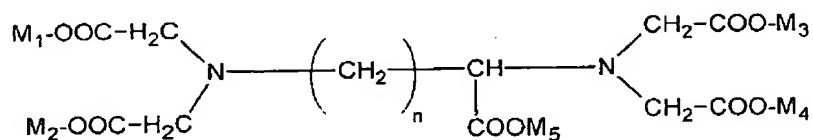
- 18.(new) A composition according to claim 7 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

n represents a number from 1 to 6, each of M¹, M², M³, M⁴ and M⁵ independently represent: a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, or an ammonium group an ammonium group substituted by 1 to 4 organic groups.

- 19.(new) A composition according to claim 18 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

n represents a number from 2 to 4,
each of M¹, M², M³, M⁴ and M⁵ independently represent a hydrogen atom or a sodium atom.

- 20.(new) The composition according to claim 18 wherein the chelating agent is selected from: pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N'-

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tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, the pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N' tetra (carboxymethyl) -2, 5-diaminopentanoic acid, and the pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid.